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MOBILE AND TARANG SERVICE IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mobile/Tarang services has been started in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of Mobile/Garuda services provided by Maharanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) in metro areas of Mumbai and details of Mobile / Tarang services provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in rest of Maharashtra State are as follows.

MTNL

MTNL launched Cellular Mobile Service under brand name `Dolphin` (Postpaid) and Trump (Prepaid) w.e.f. 8.1.02 and 27.2.01 respectively in Mumbai. As on 31.3.07, 1415386 number o f GSM connections (Post paid and Prepaid combined) have been provided in Mumbai.

MTNL launched CDMA based limited mobility services in Mumbai since the year 2001-02 under the brand mane `GARUDA`. As on 31.3.07, 48934 number of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) mobile connections are working in MTNL, Mumbai.

BSNL

Cellular Mobile Services

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has covered all the District Head Quarters, Sub-Divisional Head Quarters, Tehsil Head Quarters and Block Head Quarters of the State of Maharashtra. 9407 villages of Maharashtra are already covered with BSNL GSM mobile services. In Maharashtra State, 22,43,064 mobile connections of BSNL were working as on 31.3.07. BSNL has also plans to cover villages having population greater than 1000 based on techno-commercial viability.

WLL Tarang Mobile Services

Main Switching Centers (MSCs) for providing WLL (Tarang Services) are already working at Nagpur and Pune while MSC at Aurangabad is under installation. In Maharashtra, 372624 WLL connections were working as on 31.3.07. Out of 304 Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCAs) including Nagpur, 298 SDCAs are already covered by WLL and the remaining are to be covered during this financial year.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.